

# National **Charter School** **Resource** Center

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## **Welcome to the Webinar!**

### **SEA Communities of Practice: Using Waiver Requests to Increase Flexibility**

We will be starting soon.

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# About the Resource Center

The **U.S. Department of Education** is committed to promoting effective practices, providing technical assistance, and disseminating the resources critical to ensuring the success of charter schools across the country. To that end, the Education Department, under a contract with Learning Point Associates, an affiliate of American Institutes for Research, has developed the **National Charter School Resource Center**.

# U.S. Department of Education Presenters

## **Scott Pearson**

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## **Cathy Grimes-Miller**

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## **Leslie Hankerson**

Charter Schools Program Officer for SEAs

# Waiver Authority

- “The Secretary may waive any statutory or regulatory requirement over which the Secretary exercises administrative authority except any such requirements relating to the elements of a charter school described in section 5210(I) if
  - The waiver is requested in an approved application under this subpart and
  - The Secretary determines that granting such a waiver will promote the purpose of this subpart.

# Discussion

- “...over which the Secretary exercises administrative authority...”
  - difference between a waiver (which we can grant) and an extension of the authorizing language (which we can't)
- “...except any such requirements relating to the elements of a charter school...”
  - waivers can't be made for lotteries and other definitional elements
- “...waiver is requested in an approved application”
  - some ability to amend an application to permit waiver requests at any time

# Waiver Request Examples from 2010 SEA Application

## **Waivers that have been approved**

- Extend three-year performance period to five years (multiple states)
- Waive limit of one CSP dissemination grant per school (Georgia)
- Permit use of funds for ongoing operational costs during first six months due to state funding gap; funds must be repaid (Indiana)

## **Waiver that was not approved**

- Waive peer review process (California)

# Questions?



Raise your hand or enter your question in the chat box  
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# Technical Assistance Presenters

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# Registration Steps

- DUNS number
- CCR Registration
- Create Username and Password
- AOR Authorization
- Check AOR status



# Finding the Application

- “Apply for Grants”
- “Download a Grant Application Package”
  - CFDA: 84.282
  - Funding Opportunity Number: ED-GRANTS-012511-002
- “Download”



CFDA	Opportunity Number	Competition ID	Competition Title	Agency	Instructions & Application
84.282	ED-GRANTS-012511-002	84-282A2011-1	CSP SEA Application	U.S. Department of Education	<a href="#">download</a>

# Finding the Application


- Sign up for alerts on changes made to the application
- Download the application instructions
- Download the application package



# Completing the Application

Please fill out the following form. You can save data typed into this form. [Highlight Fields](#)

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 **Grant Application Package**

<b>Opportunity Title:</b>	Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII): Charter Sch
<b>Offering Agency:</b>	U.S. Department of Education
<b>CFDA Number:</b>	84.282
<b>CFDA Description:</b>	Charter Schools
<b>Opportunity Number:</b>	ED-GRANTS-012511-002
<b>Competition ID:</b>	84-282A2011-1
<b>Opportunity Open Date:</b>	01/25/2011
<b>Opportunity Close Date:</b>	03/18/2011
<b>Agency Contact:</b>	Leslie Hankerson Program Analyst E-mail: Leslie.Hankerson@ed.gov Phone: 202-205-8524

This electronic grants application is intended to be used to apply for the specific Federal funding opportunity referenced here.

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This opportunity is only open to organizations, applicants who are submitting grant applications on behalf of a company, state, local or tribal government, academia, or other type of organization.

\* Application Filing Name:

**Mandatory Documents**

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
- Dept of Education Supplemental Information for
- Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424)
- Dept of Education Budget Information for Non-Construction
- Grants.gov Lobbying Form
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)
- Faith Based EEO Survey

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**Mandatory Documents for Submission**

[Open Form](#)

# Completing the Application

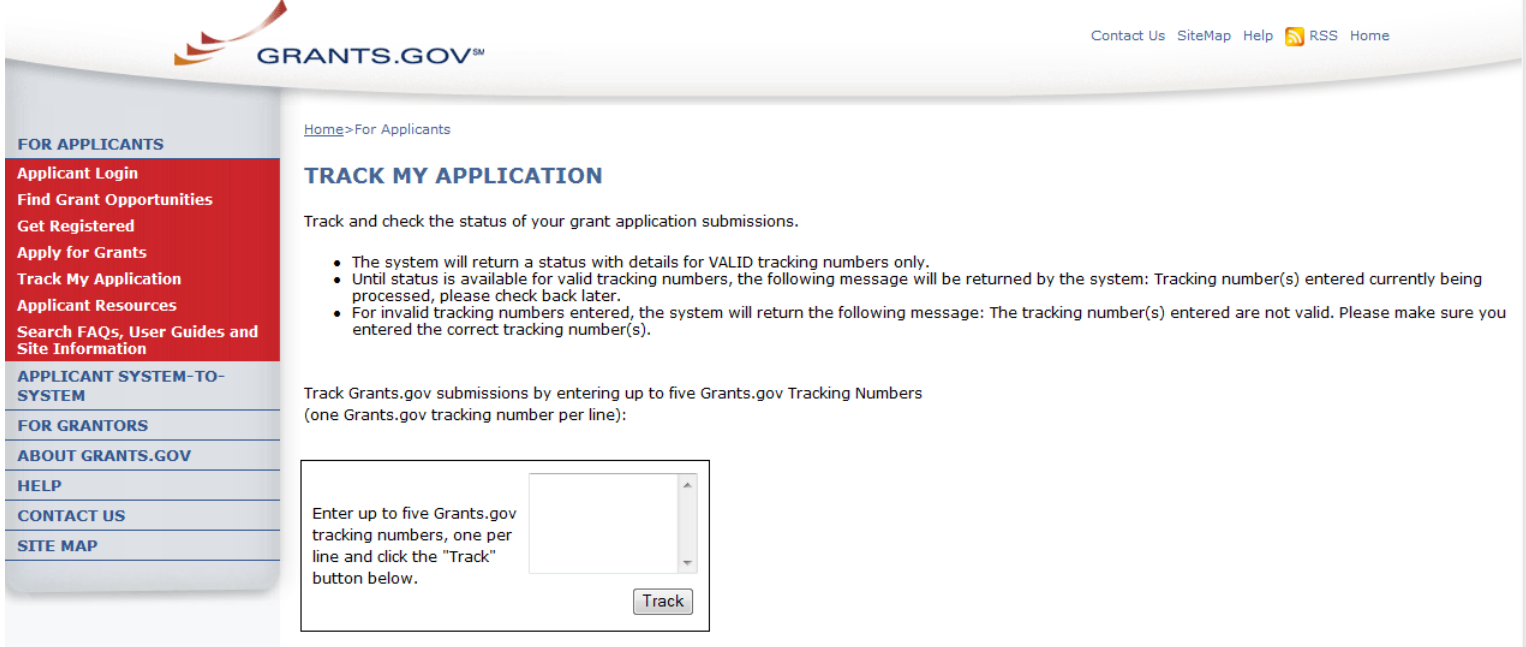
- Save often; application is saved outside of the Grants.gov site
- Yellow boxes on forms are required
- Uploads to narrative sections must be PDF
- Can add multiple attachments
- “Save and Submit” button only becomes active when application is complete with no errors

# Submission

- “Save and Submit” – will go to applicant login page, to enter username and password
- Submission must be COMPLETE by 4:30:00 PM (Washington, DC time)

# Track My Application

- Verify receipt, errors, date/time stamp of your submission



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Track and check the status of your grant application submissions.

- The system will return a status with details for VALID tracking numbers only.
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Enter up to five Grants.gov tracking numbers, one per line and click the "Track" button below.



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# SEA Notice for CSP Applications

- Note to competitive priority 1 (periodic review)
- Note to competitive priority 2 (high quality schools)
- Competitive priority 5 (improving achievement and HS grad rates)
- Competitive priority 6 (diversity)
- Competitive priority 7 (productivity)
- Invitational priority (turnaround schools)
- Award amounts (continuing resolution)
- Award basis
- Selection criteria 2 (autonomy)
- Selection criteria 3 (high-quality charter schools)
- Selection criteria 4 (quality of management plan)
- Selection criteria 6 (dissemination)

# Questions?



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# Thank you for participating.

- We look forward to your participation in future webinars hosted by the National Charter School Resource Center.
- This webinar will be archived at the following website:  
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- Please share your feedback with us through the evaluation.

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